

Date:

Saturday, January 8, 1825

Location:

Providence, Rhode Island

Paper:

Providence Gazette

Article

Historical Obituary

type:

months he has lost and buried from his family
and house, his wife, her daughter, and grand-
daughter, all of typhus fever.

In Trenton, N. J. on the 27th ult. John South,
3rd, eldest son of the Hon. Sampson L. Southard,
Secretary of the Navy of the United States.

In Liverpool, Rev Benjamin Powell. He had
arrived from the United States a few days pre-

portion,
office of

January

Date: Monday, November 21,
1825

Location: New York, New York

Paper: *National Advocate*

Article Historical Obituary

on was | At Washington City, on Sa-
n about | the 12th inst. Sarah, youngest
ugh the | son Samuel L. Southard, a
he large | Navy, aged 2 years.

Date: **Wednesday, November
23, 1825**

Location: **Boston, Massachusetts**

Paper: ***Independent Chronicle &
Boston Patriot***

In Lulee, 5th inst Mr. Salpa Clapp, formerly of Boston, aged 48.

In Washington City, Sarah, youngest daughter

of the Hon Samuel L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy, aged 2 years.

In Louisville, John Pope, Jr Esq in the 25th

Date: Thursday, November 24,
1825

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Paper: *Boston Traveler*

Article: Historical Obituary

In Remembrance, Sept. 1825
In Washington, Sarah, yon
the Hou. Samuel S. Southard.
Navy, aged 2 years.

Date: Thursday, March 26, 1829

Location: New York, New York

Paper: Evening Post

Article: Historical Obituary

of the United States.

At Washington, the 19th inst. Ann S.

acter of the Hon. Samuel L. Southard, a

the Navy, in the 4th year of her age.

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 1829

Location: Albany, New York

Paper: *Albany Argus*

Article: Historical Obituary

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Washington, on the 19th inst. Alexx S. Yot
er of the late Capt. L. S. SOUTHERN
ary of the Navy, in the 4th year of his age
remained to the last moment

Date: Friday, April 10, 1829

Location: Keene, New Hampshire

Paper: *New Hampshire Sentinel*

Article: Historical Obituary

Fowler, aged 50, pastor of the Congregational Church in that town.

In Washington city, 19th ult. Ann S. youngest

daughter of the Hon. Samuel Southard, late Secre-

tary of the Navy, aged 1.

In Louisville, Kent. Lieut. J. D. Hopson, of the

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY, TRENTON

SOUTHARD, MARY, Daughter of SLS & RHS.

Born: 25 March 1822

Died: 22 February 1823

Grave marker: First Presbyterian Church cemetery, east yard, 120 East State St, Trenton, NJ
[no longer there or not legible, 3/2004]

SOUTHARD, JOHN

Born: 21 March 1813

Died: 27 December 1821

Grave marker: First Presbyterian Church cemetery, east yard, East State Street, Trenton, NJ;
inscribed with Anna Southard's name too. [no longer there or not legible, March 2004]

SOUTHARD, ANNA

Died: 1835

Grave marker: First Presbyterian Church cemetery, east yard, East State Street, Trenton, NJ;
inscribed with John Southard's name too. No age or birth date given.
[no longer there or not legible, March 2004]

SOURCE: John Hall, D.D. *HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TRENTON, NJ*; 1912
(MacCrellish and Quigley: Trenton, NJ) p 387

NOTES:

Mary S probably died in Trenton as this was the residence of SLS at that time, 1822-3. They first moved to WDC in December 1824/January 1825.

SLS & RHS had a son, John, born 21 May 1813 (see Birkner), who died from a seizure on 27 December 1824, in Trenton, during the families' move from Trenton to DC. John may have been buried in the Congressional Cemetery in DC, though the burial register that would list his burial has not been found. Through January 1825 has been searched. Indications in other registers of that cemetery indicate that he was buried there in the original children's plot (30/27) and moved in November 1842 to the 10-grave sight purchased after the death of SLS. A gravemarker there has both John and his sister Sarah's name inscribed. Sarah died 12 November 1825. Given the similarities between the information from Hall and Birkner, it is likely that this John is the son of SLS. The Presbyterian gravemarker information was published when the stone was around 90 years old and erosion can easily make 1824 look like 1821.

Several accounts of SLS state that he was buried with 2 of his children. This may explain John's absence from their burial registers. It is possible that John was buried in Trenton, and has a marker in DC; though the opposite seems more likely when considering the registers at DC taken in their entirety

SOUTHARD, Ann (born January 1826 in DC), died of "fever" in D.C. while the family was moving to N.J. after Samuel was elected NJ State Attorney General in Feb. 1929

SOUTHARD, Anna, died 1835, gravemarker at First Pres, Trenton, inscribed on same stone as John Southard. Birkner's SLS bio does not mention a daughter Anna.

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First Presbyterian Church
120 East State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

March 20, 2004

To Whom It May Concern;

I am distantly related to one of your churches early board members, Samuel L. Southard. He was active within your church for several years preceding his move to Jersey City in 1838.

I am in the midst of providing the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC with biographical information regarding Mr. Southard and his family. This is part of that cemeteries project of creating an online database for each person interred there, as Mr. Southard is. I have recently perused the History of the First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, NJ by John Hall, D.D. (1912) and found the following 3 names on a list of people interred in the East graveyard:

Mary SOUTHARD, died March 25, 1822, born February 22, 1822.
John SOUTHARD, died December 27, 1821, born March 21, 1813
Anna SOUTHARD, died 1835 [inscribed on same marker as John]

Regarding each of the above:

Mary definitely is a daughter of Samuel; and one that, until now, none of his biographers have been able to locate.

Samuel did have a son John who was born near Flemington and who died in Trenton. The similarities between what has been previously reported, i.e. his date of death given as December 27, 1824 and date of birth given as May 21, 1813, lead me to the conclusion that this is the same person as listed in the above-mentioned book.

Anna is unknown, but must be related somehow as it appears that her name was inscribed on the same marker as John's. Samuel did have a daughter Ann who was born in 1826 and died in 1829.

It is clear from the records of the Congressional Cemetery that Ann Southard, who died in 1829, is buried there. Less clear, though highly probable, is John's burial in the same cemetery. There is a gravemarker with his name, as well as that of a sister, Sarah; plus records indicate that John, along with his 2 sisters were reinterred next to their father when he was buried in 1842.

I had the opportunity to visit your cemetery last week and found neither gravemarker in the East yard. They may be illegible or missing at this late date. Do you have any type of plot map that would indicate the location of these plots?

Would your records offer any information on any of these persons? Congressional Cemetery registers include a purchase register, a burial register, a daily log, etc. I am looking to establish 3 things: first, is 'your' John Southard the son of Samuel; second, is John buried in your cemetery or was the gravemarker more of a tribute; and third, how is Anna Southard in your cemetery related to Samuel?

Lastly, Samuel's widow Rebecca Harrow Southard, 'disappears' in 1848 when shw was living in New York. If you do have some records to research my earlier questions, and you come across any mention of Rebecca, could you please let me know what that information is.

Thank you very much for any assistance you may be able to provide and the investment of your time in doing so.

Sincerely,

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HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN TRENTON, N. J.
FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT OF THE TOWN

By JOHN HALL, D.D.

Prepared for the observance of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the First Church,
with much supplementary material collected by Dr. Hall during his Pastorate

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APPENDIX V.

List of Burials Made from Inscriptions on the Headstones in the Church yard
by Mrs. Jennie Scudder Reed and Miss Adelia T. Scott, in the Month of September, 1911.

EAST YARD.

John Southard .	Dec. 27, 1821	Mar. 21, 1813
Anna (on same headstone as above) .	1835	-----
Mary Southard .	Feb. 22, 1823	Mar. 25, 1822

<http://www.trentonhistory.org/Cem/FirstPresbyterian.htm>